

HOUSE RESOLUTION 121

By Sargent

A RESOLUTION To recognize Janice M. Shelby on the occasion
of her retirement.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Janice M. Shelby is one such estimable person who has served with probity as Director of Schools for the Franklin Special School District since July of 1997; in its entirety, Mrs. Shelby's illustrious career in education has spanned 34 years; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Bethel College in McKenzie, Mrs. Shelby received her Master of Arts degree in Education from Murray State University; she completed 45 hours of post-graduate work at Memphis State University, Murray State University, and Middle Tennessee State University, focusing on Administration and Supervision; and

WHEREAS, Janice Shelby embarked on her career in education in 1966 as a Remedial Reading Teacher; she eventually joined the ranks of administration, serving as the Assistant Commissioner of Education, Division of Curriculum and Instruction with the Tennessee State Department of Education, from 1980 to 1984; and as Director of Instruction, State Special Schools, from 1984 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, In the late 1980s, she found her niche with the Franklin Special School District, serving in a variety of administrative and leadership positions, including Supervisor of Instruction and Interim Director of Personnel, before being promoted to serve in the ultimate leadership position, Director of Schools; and

WHEREAS, As Director of Schools, Janice Shelby has made great strides in improving the quality of education for the students in the district, she epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated administrator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shelby is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous professional organizations, including the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Tennessee Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the International Reading Association; and

WHEREAS, Janice Shelby also contributes her time and numerous talents to many civic groups, including the Franklin Exchange Club, the Franklin Noon Rotary Club, and the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce, Division of Education, for which she serves as Chair; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shelby's devotion to providing the highest quality education for Franklin's students has been recognized and honored with the bestowal of numerous awards and accolades, including the Alumni Achievement Award from Bethel College, the Leadership Award from TSDC, and nomination by the Mid-Cumberland Supervisor Study Council for the Kathleen Wright Award; and

WHEREAS, Her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Shelby is most appreciative of the love and support of her husband, Bill Shelby; together, they are the proud parents of Tracye and Allison; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shelby exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her estimable career, Janice Shelby has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her peers and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Janice M. Shelby our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors as we reflect fondly on her exemplary career spent in service of the children of this great State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.